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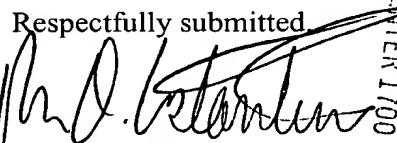
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- 2. The reference was cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. U.S. Patent 4,085,709, cited in the search report is attached hereto. The other references cited in the foreign search report were previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed with this application on September 16, 1999.

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